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and many others in the United States and around the globe!!!

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* The following is a closed circuit advisory. According *
* to Newsline Support Fund administrator Norm Chalfin K6PGX, *
* the funds needed to keep Newsline in operation are once *
* again low. According to Norm, it now costs a bit over \$850 *
* a month to pay the telecommunications and equipment supply *
* bills. That's up over \$150 from the same time last year. *

* For those of you unaware, Newsline pays the cost of *
* three telephones including the one used for news gathering. *
* We also pay for several electronic news and information *
* services, we pay for electronic mail, for raw tape stock *
* and the cost of repairing and updating our production *
* facilities. Over the past year we have had several offers *
* of free or reduced rate E-mail services. While this is *
* very much appreciated, there are several services that are *
* used by the ham radio publications industry that are not *
* available except on a direct basis. Obviously, changing *
* the electronic mail services is not possible unless the *
* entire ham radio publishing wants to make such a move. At *
* this time the industry is not so inclined. *

* Right now, Newsline has enough funds to carry it through *
* to the end of April, but that's it. Therefore we are once *
* again appealing to all of our listeners to assist in any *
* way that you can so that Newsline can continue to bring you *
* these weekly ham radio news bulletins. Our address is the *
* Newsline Support Fund, P.O. Box 463, Pasadena, CA 91102. *

* Again, and as always, we thank you for your ongoing *
* interest and support. That ends the closed circuit *
* advisory with Newsline report number 867 for release on *
* Friday, March 25th 1994. *

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The following is a QST

The FCC names a well known ham to head up its new task force on personal communications services and a missing young ham has returned home.

HALLER TO HEAD PCS TASK FORCE

One of the nations best known and most respected ham radio operators has been selected to guide all personal communications into the next century and beyond. This, with the naming of FCC Private Radio Bureau Chief Ralph Haller, N4RH to head the newly created Commission task force on personal communications services, better known as the PCS.

The Commission says that the task force will provide a focal point for all of the PCS issues currently before it and those yet to surface. The group will would work with all of the FCC's bureaus and offices that are involved in PCS issues. It will also be responsible for assuring consistency between policies and rules for narrow-band and wide-band PCS services.

FCC Chairman Reed Hundt says that he choose Ralph Haller to head up the task force because he is confident that under his leadership the group will guide the Commission in the timely development of a comprehensive regulatory framework for the PCS. Other members of the task force include FCC Chief Engineer Tom Stanley, Robert Pepper who is Chief of the Office of Plans and Policy, Donald Gips the Deputy Chief of Office of Plans and Policy and FCC Chief Economist Michael Katz.

CLINTON NAMES CHONG TO FCC

President Clinton has selected San Francisco telecommunications lawyer Rachelle B. Chong to fill one of two vacancies at the Federal Communications Commission. Chong, a 34 year old Republican, would become the FCC's first-ever Asian-American commissioner if confirmed by the Senate. She would replace Sherrie Marshall, whose seat at the FCC has been open for nearly a year. Chong's term would last through mid-1997.

President Clinton also intends to nominate Susan Ness, another communications lawyer as a Commissioner. Ness has worked as a senior lender and as group head in the communications industries division of American Security Bank in Washington.

During the mid-1970s, she was assistant counsel to the House Banking Committee. She holds a law degree from Boston College Law School and a master's degree in business administration from the Wharton School.

FCC RFI SURVEY

The FCC has released the results of a just completed telephone interference survey and it says that going QRP makes little difference in telephone related RFI.

Thirty-five FCC field offices each picked three random cases of telephone interference on record and then visited the scene. The transmitting stations included 47 Citizens Band; 27 Amateur; 23 AM broadcast; 10 FM broadcast; and one international broadcast station.

At the location experiencing interference, the FCC's Field Operations Bureau personnel would first test the telephones on site, and then test their own RFI immune telephones, as well as several commercially available filters. In all, some 241 different telephones were tested.

Among the FCC's conclusions was that transmitter power did not seem to be a significant factor. In fact, transmitters that ran 10 watts or less caused significant telephone interference in one-third of the cases. The FCC also said that add-on filters provided a cure to the interference problem in only one-third of the incidents investigated.

The study did however conclude that manufacturers can design telephones. The FCC says that it hopes the survey will encourage affected parties to productively address and resolve this problem, but stopped short of ordering the manufacturing community to produce only RFI immune telephones.

SPECTRUM AUCTION

The Federal Communications Commission has taken a first step toward setting the ground rules under which businesses can bid for certain chunks of the airways. On March 8th, the FCC adopted set of so called generic rules for auctioning radio frequencies for a variety of new services, including the next generation of mobile telephone service called personal communications service.

The rules will allow several auctions to be conducted at the same time, require \$2,500 as a minimum up-front payment for parties to participate in the auction, set deadlines for payments on winning bid and also set aside a portion of the frequencies to be bid on by individuals or groups composed primarily of women, minorities, rural telephone companies and small businesses.

Companies obtaining personal communications services licenses will be able to offer consumers the next generation of mobile phone service, in which the number travels with the phone's owner.

The FCC says that it is exploring various options to submit bids. This includes electronic filing as well as oral and paper bids. A more detailed set of rules for specific services will be decided later. There are no plans now toward any reallocation by auction of the spectrum used by radio amateurs or other communications hobbyists.

WZ1W FOUND

A missing Massachusetts teenager, whose been the object of a nationwide search involving amateur radio, has been found. Nathan A. Taylor, WZ1W, who disappeared in August, was found March 8th in southeast Texas. That's where according to a friend of Taylor's family Nathan was taken into custody by federal authorities.

After nearly seven months, fourteen year old Nathan A. Taylor, is back in his home state of Massachusetts. Paul Topolski, N1IPG, is a friend of the Taylor family.

"He has trouble socializing with his peers and consequently he really didn't want to go back to school." Paul Topolski, N1IPG.

Nathan became heavily involved with computers. That according to Topolski triggered Nathan's actions.

"There's quite an underground network of computer operators on the bulletin boards and so forth. He got involved with the wrong group and consequently enticed into leaving home." Paul Topolski, N1IPG.

Nathan disappearance lead to fears that he was in the company of a man who has a known criminal record. That suggestion was raised after police viewed files on Nathan's computer system. For Nathan's parents in Gardner, Massachusetts the next several months would be filled with anxiety.

"All I know is what his parents have told me about a bus trip from Gardner through Memphis and then that was the last time anybody had seen him. The bus driver in Memphis remembered seeing him and then that was it, he appeared to jump off the bus at that time. He turned up in Houston, Texas and one evening his parents called me and consequently informed me that he had been arrested by the FBI. He is now back in the Gardner area." Paul

Topolski, N1IPG.

Topolski says Nathan still has problems to work out.

"He seems to have calmed down quite a bit too." Paul Topolski, N1IPG.

The last several months have been extremely hard from Nathan Taylors family members. Now they can rest easier as well.

Nathan's close ties to ham radio led to a nationwide plea on amateur radio packet systems. Topolski contacted ARRL Section Managers in Texas and Tennessee for assistance. He sent flyers to amateur radio clubs as the part of the effort to locate Nathan.

HI SEAS RESCUE

Two men rescued from a sinking boat in the Gulf of Mexico credit Amateur Radio for saving their lives. Larry Hooker, KB5ZNY, of Thaxton, Mississippi, and his sailing partner, Rett White, were returning from Honduras on Hooker's 35 foot sailing vessel "Off The Hook," when they ran into an unexpected storm and high seas.

Hooker had been in contact with his friend Randall O'Brian, KD5ZH, of West Point, Mississippi, since hoisting anchor on February 6th. The two were keeping regular schedules on 80, 40, and 20 Meters and O'Brian was the first to learn of their difficulties and eventually contacted the US Coast Guard. O'Brian continued to help provide communication, along with the Coast Guard, who came up on 3.862 MHz.

On March 4th, Hooker and White were taken aboard the Coast Guard cutter Cushing. Their boat was put under tow but subsequently sank.

Hooker had visited his daughter, Tina, KB5YNN, a missionary with Global Outreach in the northeastern part of Honduras. This is an area accessible only by air or sea.

AMSAT NET ON GALAXY 3

Satellite users may be interested in an experiment being conducted in the Houston, Texas area. The group there is uplinking the Houston Area Amsat Net, heard locally on the 147.10 FM repeater, to the Galaxy 3, communications satellite Channel 17, on the 5.8 Mhz audio subcarrier of the Shop-At-Home Channel. The net is carried in realtime on Tuesday evening, from approximately 10 PM Central Standard Time until completion. This

is an experiment but could be continued on a regular basis if interest is sufficient. Send reception reports to Craig Davidson, WD5BDX by packet or direct to his callbook address.

DELPHI

Delphi, a national bbs-type information service and Internet gateway has announced the opening of a special interest group dedicated go radio users in general, and Ham Radio operators in particular. During years past, Ham Radio was supported as a sub-topic on Delphi as part of the Delphi Hobby SIG. Through the efforts of Marty Goodman, KC6YKC and Andy Eddy, WB1FEV Amateur Radio has at last been given a separate special interest group of its own on Delphi.

During its first week of operation beginning March 2nd, this SIG has been able to offer a library of over 300 groups of files for downloading and an active forum. Also in the first week about 30 messages posted every day, with over 300 Delphi members visiting this forum. Those interested in this new SIG should contact Delphi services for more information.

1994 INTERNATIONAL DX CONVENTION

In DX, word that the 1994 International DX Convention is being held at the Holiday Inn, Plaza Park, Visalia, CA, April 15th to the 17th. Friday and Saturday night will see hosted cocktail parties plus a Sunday DX Breakfast and Saturday Night Banquet featuring the 3Y story. The address for information and registration is Don Bostrom, N6IC, at 4447 Atoll Ave., Sherman Oaks, California 91423.

ROBERTS TO SPEAK ARRL SW DIVISION CONVENTION

The man who has developed several high tech motorcycles will be the banquet speaker at the 1994 ARRL Southwestern Division Convention scheduled for later this year. Newsline recently got a call from Division Director Fried Heyn, WA6WZO who told us that its going to be a special night with inventor Steve Roberts N4RVE. Roberts is best known for his development of Behemoth a super high tech motorcycle with on-board computers and ham radio gear. Roberts will not only be speaking at the banquet. He also has promised to bring along one of his super bikes for everyone to see. The 1994 ARRL Southwestern Division Convention is slated for August 26th through the 28th in San Diego. The grand banquet will take place Saturday night August 27th with film

maker Dave Bell, W6AQ as master of ceremonies.

DAYTON AWARDS FOLLOW-UP

The 1994 Dayton Hamventions Special Achievement Award goes to Russ Kroeker, N7HGE of Kent, Washington for his efforts in implementing the Evergreen Intertie repeater network in the northwest U.S. and British Columbia. Mr. Kroeker was honored, but also credited many others.

"It is a great honor and I think that the amateur radio society will be really delighted to hear that the time that they spent investing in it, a lot of members have invested their money to help put the equipment in, and a lot of their time Larry Babcock, WB7USL put a lot of time in, Mark La Combe, KF7II. These guys really, I think will be really happy to hear that the work they put in is getting recognized, in a national way, and it is a great honor for all of us. We just thank the lord that you folks did choose us." Russ Kroeker, N7HGE.

Mr. Kroeker will receive his award at the Hamvention Banquet at the Dayton Convention Center located in downtown Dayton, Ohio Saturday evening April 30th.

More on the upcoming 1994 Dayton Hamvention next week.

For this week, that's all from the Amateur Radio Newslines. You can write to us at P.O. Box 463, Pasadena, CA 91102.

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